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# THE CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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## Revival in Knoxville--20 Saved

Let Love and Unity Prevail—Great Prospects for Future Work.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn.—Revival at Knoxville was a grand success and many souls were blessed. The revival started, Feb. 5, and continued until Feb. 25.

The glory of God came forth in power and the saints danced and praised God in a mighty way.

I never saw such unity as prevailed throughout the entire meeting.

Different Pentecostal people and preachers were there, and there was such a blending of love between them that you could hardly tell one from another. The preachers all worked together in love and unity, ah, it is a shame that we are not all one, why not every Church of God member and preacher pray for unity. It can be had if we will do what Jesus said, "love one another."

I have been invited to that city to hold meetings in two different Pentecostal assemblies, and may go back and hold them a revival, for I believe the day has come when we should get together, and most of the people believe the Church of God is right for it is in the Bible.

The meetings went on and the power increased and twenty were saved, twelve sanctified, six received the Holy Ghost and two came into the church.

We raised a payment on the building and it seemed to come so easy.

The least amount we asked for was three dollars and raised altogether two hundred and fifty dollars, so the way is clear until the next payment.

The saints all worked and there was love and unity among them.

I never saw a better opportunity for the church than in Knoxville.

They have a good pastor, Bro. Harmon, and good people. There are some of our preachers there that are not in the work. I hope all who read this will pray for them that God will move them out in His service.

The last Sunday night, there were thirty-two in the altar and from twenty to twenty-five the most of the time.—D. R. Moreland, evangelist.

## EVANGEL BIRTHDAY CELEBRATED AT LINDALE

LINDALE, Ga.—Yesterday, March 1, we honored the 15th birthday of our great paper, the Church of God Evangel.

After preaching on the subject, "Power of the Press" the service was turned over to our local agent, Mrs. S. J. Heath and she secured ten new subscribers. The orphans also were remembered and fifty pairs of stockings, fifty handkerchiefs, underwear and other things were freely given. Our Sunday school is taking on new life and is on the boom with Bro. Burgess as superintendent. There is a general revival spirit prevailing every service.

Last night the altar was quickly filled with seekers; strong men stood by, wept and trembled as they called on God for help.

Some of the girls are going to their room and praying till late in the night. Surely God is getting ready to do great things here.

Seven have received the Holy Ghost already this year. Perfect harmony and peace prevails in the church and large crowds are attending. Nearly every member attends the Bible study in our home every Friday night.—S. J. Heath, pastor.

## THE BIG SOUTH GEORGIA CAMP MEETING BEGINS AT OFFERMAN, GA., JULY 3

The General Overseer, F. J. Lee To Be Present at This Great Feast: Come, Let Us Rejoice Together.

Nearly everybody in South Georgia remembers what a great time we had last year at our camp meeting at Fitzgerald and Offerman, so we are glad to announce the same feast for you again this year. Good preaching, good music, good food, good facilities, Divine healing, baptism of the Holy Ghost, good singing, good music, place to eat, and a fine place to sleep when the meeting closes.

I hope several will get busy and get a tent and come to stay. You can get camping tents from Standard Tent and Awning Co., Atlanta, for about \$15.00. We are expecting to make this the best meeting of the kind ever held in south Georgia.

There is going to be something good and spicy in the program every day. Everybody interested begin now to get ready for the feast. We are expecting our General Overseer, Bro. Lee, and other distinguished men to be there. Remember the time and place, Offerman, Ga. Every preacher expecting to attend, write me at Lindale, Ga., so we can arrange program.

—S. J. Heath, in charge of the camp meeting work.

## PRaises the Lord for His Many Blessings

PELHAM, Ga.—We praise the Lord this morning for His many blessings to us. We are saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and a member of the Church of God. Praise the Lord.

We haven't many members here, but ask you to pray that we may have more soon, we're thankful for what few we have.

Bro. John Floyd is our pastor and we thank God for sending him here for the Lord has been with us ever since he came and we believe He will continue to bless this year.—J. R. Owens and wife.

## FIRE WAS HANDLED

PELZER, S. C.—The devil has tried awful hard to tear down the work at this place but praise the Lord last Saturday and Sunday the power fell and I have never witnessed such a meeting as we had. Fire was handled and six came into the church, and the people were very much stirred. Pray for this place.—Roey Gilstrap.

## NO DECISION YET

We are constantly receiving inquiries with reference to the Church litigation saying that it was circulated by our opposers that they had won in the litigation, therefore, we take this method of informing our people that the Judge still holds the matter under advisement, and that no decision has been rendered in this case. We are not prepared to say just when this decision will be handed down. We have been expecting it every day for about two weeks, however, it is thought by some that it may be delayed until sometime in April when the Judge returns here for his regular term of court. I will say further that those who are in close touch with the situation are still confident that the Church will win.

## DUTIES OF A PASTOR

Carl M. Padgett

No one is exempt from living a holy life in the Church of God. Each one should be at their best and walk in all the light shed upon their pathway, but in certain ways more is expected of the pastor than of the members and he should live up to the expectation of the church and the world.

There is a saying, "As with the people, so with the priest," and we know there is a striking similarity among the members of a family, and as for the mother, and father, a portion of their personality may be found in each child. As children watch every movement of their parents, so the members of the church watch every movement of their pastor and it has an influence upon them in some way. We might mention some of the duties of a pastor:

First, he should be diligent, industrious, gather up the fragments of time, that no precious moments be lost. "Spend your time in nothing," says Baxter, "which you know must be repented of; spend it in nothing on which you might not pray for the blessings of God; spend it in nothing which you could not review with a quiet conscience on your dying bed; spend it in nothing, which you might not safely and properly be found doing if death should surprise you in the act."

A person once called and introduced himself by saying, that he had come to spend an idle hour with Bro. Benson. "To be assured," said the eminent man, "Mr. Benson has no idle hours to spend. He never has any idle hours. From seventeen to eighteen hours he spends every day, either in reading, studying, writing, praying or preaching, besides, he is going to preach this evening, and he spends mostly an hour upon his knees before he goes into the pulpit."

With some degree of confession the person withdrew, and it was hoped that he learned never again to disturb ministers when they were preparing to preach or to imagine that they have idle hours to spend with idle people who are not conscious of the value of time.

We should make it a business to spend every moment in something useful. Edison attributed his success to: "Not inspiration but perspiration."

A pastor may not be called upon to exert himself daily in bodily exercise, at hard labor like most of his members but there is plenty of work for him to do.

Second, he should study ever trying to enlarge his brains. If he will ever be able to give others, he will have to be receiving himself. Of all studies let the Bible be first. "Search the scriptures." "Study to shew thyself approved . . . rightly dividing the word of truth." We can never learn all the Bible but don't be so narrow minded to depreciate the value of studying other things beside the Bible. It was said of John Wesley that he was a man of one book and yet he read largely of other books, such as "Taylor's Holy Living, Baxter's Saints Rest." That no time be lost, he would read a good book while riding on his horse, going to an appointment.

A preacher should know a little of history; both ancient and modern and especially should he know something about church history. This will show that errors which creep into the movements of to-day are not new, but the church had them to deal with centuries ago. For instance the One God theory preached by some of the Pentecostal people to-day was advocated in earlier centuries and branded as heresy.

A book on "Self Culture" or "What a Man of Forty-five

Should Know." "What a Young Husband Should Know," "The Life of C. G. Finney," or "Finney's Lectures to Professing Christians," are good books to read, and if you are deficient in a common school education take up a course of writing, spelling, or arithmetic.

God has called you to His service, therefore it behooves you to be at your best for Him in every way you can; improve your self for the glory of God. We never get too old to learn, watch your conversation, try to improve your speech. Why should we use improper language in the pulpit when we can do better? Don't misunderstand me, there are very few that don't make grammatical errors, but let us do what we can to grace the pulpit. We have not time to think of these things in the pulpit, in fact we don't want to think of it, we want to think of the theme from which we are preaching. Of all places we should be natural, it is in the pulpit. Be natural in the Spirit, weep, sing, preach and shout. When alone in conversation think of these things and try to let your best become your natural self. One half hour spent each day in reading and digesting some good wholesome literature, or classic which will work itself into your spiritual nature and help to develop a pure language or pronunciation, and when we try to pronounce correctly it soon becomes first nature to do so.

I am glad that the Church of God Publishing House, at Cleveland, Tenn., is gradually getting on hand a supply of good books, and they will be glad to help any one in selecting books that will be a great help along the line I have been writing on. O let us apply ourselves to wisdom. "Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding." Solomon.

Third, as in language so in dress when it comes to worship, God looketh not on the outward appearance but on the heart.

Above everything, we need the fire of the Holy Ghost burning within.

We need that wisdom from above that will melt cold, hard, stony hearts like the sun melts the snow on the mountain top.

God will use a man who does not know A from Z who has the baptism of the Holy Ghost more than He can the man who has spent ten years in college and depends on what he knows void of God's power.

The college professor must get the same experience, the same humility, the same fire, the same dependence on God and tell me who will be used most in God's service. Common sense will teach us who the Lord can use to the best advantage. Therefore, I say when an illiterate man gets the call of God upon him, he should at once begin to improve himself in every way that he can. Go to the Bible school if he can, and if he can't he can read, write, pray and study, and how much more then can he develop himself now that the Holy Ghost is come in to be his teacher.

But I was going to write about dress. I believe just a few words here will cover the whole ground, and will copy from a little book I have before me. "Hints on Public Speaking." "The speaker should be so dressed that neither he nor his audience will be made conscious of the fact that he is wearing clothes. He must dress plainly and neatly. New clothes or very poor clothes are apt to attract the consciousness of both the audience and the speaker." (Continued on page 2)

## CALIFORNIA COMING TO THE FRONT

Revival Campaign With Gospel Tent and Band of Workers

BALDWIN PARK, Calif.—We have been in the midst of a revival here for the last few days in which there were eight saved or reclaimed, three sanctified, four were added to the Church of God, and two of the four were holiness preachers. One sister who was formerly a Nazarene preacher, says she will from now on preach the whole Bible, and is determined to walk in the light, that she has been on the range too long to be hobbled any more. She once belonged to a Church of God that would not preach all the Word, now she praises the Lord she has found THE Church of God that takes all the Word. She said she always did like the name as she could find no other mentioned in the Bible. This sister, whose name is Mrs. Alice Thomas, formerly of Beaver county, Texas, did most of the preaching in the meeting. The Lord blessed in a wonderful way, and is still blessing and healing the sick. Some of the Pentecostal Holiness are coming to the Church of God. The church here has been tried to the limit, but she has stood the storm and is rising and shining. We are having calls from other places for meetings, and by the help of the Lord we expect to launch a revival campaign very soon with a gospel tent and a band of workers anxious to see souls saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. We need your prayers.—J. A. Brown, state overseer.

## BIRTHDAY GIFT AND MESSAGE TO EVANGEL

Dear Evangel:

We, the Church of God and Sunday school at Wimauma, Fla., are mailing you an offering of \$16.00 as a birthday present for your fifteenth birthday, also twenty-two subscriptions which we are always glad and anxious to get, making a total of \$38.50. We are delighted to send this to you that you may continue your weekly visit to your thousands of waiting readers and friends that are always glad and anxious to see you come. (Judging by myself).

On your pages we find food for our souls, and shall remember for many days to come how we enjoyed your first visit to our home, and still glad to see you come with such good news from our different brothers and sisters in the Lord, and see and learn how they are getting along and to read of the good reports from different workers on the field in different places, hence, getting word from over the states from our friends once a week.

We also remember the Lord heals by laying on the paper, so we are glad in many ways to see you come. We also remember going up in the prayer room one morning (before returning home to Florida), and how the dear Lord blessed our hearts and we felt so much encouraged to press on and do more for you, and help to get you into more new homes. We know that you will be glad to get this offering and we assure you we are glad to send it to you. Humbly, Chas. H. Shaw, (Bible student).

## REVIVAL IN LOUISIANA

EPPS, La.—I want to sound a note of praise to the Lord for what He has done for the people here at this place. We have no preacher here but have been holding prayer meetings for seven nights in succession and eight have received the Holy Ghost. Husband and I are doing our best for the work here trying to get souls closer to God. Pray for this place.—Mrs. E. J. Wood.

## To the Pastors for Unity in Churches

This Plan For Unity Proven Successful Everywhere Practiced in the Churches.

J. M. Viney

Scripture text, Eph. 4:3. I find in these days of trials and temptations that the hardest thing the pastor finds to do is to keep unity among his members. Why? because of the very fact that the very same tactics that the old devil used in apostolic days, to tear down or overthrow the Church of God he is using again in these last days to keep her from going on to perfection.

We find that poor old Bro. Paul who had become overseer of the Churches of God that he once persecuted and for which God struck him down while on his way to Damascus with letters in his pockets to arrest men and women who were members of the Church of God and bring them before the magistrates, that at one time after he had become overseer and was visiting one of the churches that he told them, I believe it was the Church of God at Corinth, yes, here it is in 1 Cor. 11:18-19. "For first of all, when ye come together in the church, I hear that there be divisions among you: and I partly believe it. For there must be also heresies among you, that they which are approved may be made manifest among you."

Now this very same thing that Paul found in the early church at Corinth, and that the devil and enemy of our souls and enemy of the church of God used to destroy the Church of God then, he is using now to keep her from coming to perfection. But thanks be to God, instead of keeping her from going on to perfection this time, while he may hinder, yet he cannot completely overcome, because Jesus Himself said, "The gates of hell shall not prevail against her." Hallelujah.

I can almost imagine at this time while I am writing that I can hear the voice of Paul, James, Cephas and John ringing back over the battlements of heaven, "Amen, and Amen," because they can see the old Church of God that they loved so well and gave their lives for, rising and shining again in these last days and because I am sure they know that the old devil cannot overthrow her any more, hallelujah!

Don't you feel the shout? I do. Praise the Lord for the Church of God. Shout! Shout! Shout! Hallelujah!

Now to the pastors: No matter how strong a church may be; no matter how old or how young; no matter how strong or how good the pastor may be, at some time or other, envying strife, and divisions will creep in and if not attended to at once will finally end up in heresies and no telling what else, and may be the complete overthrow of the church, so in order to be able to overcome this and defeat the devil's purpose I want to give my plan for keeping unity in the churches and one that has proven successful everywhere where it is put in practice.

I have what I term a saints' meeting once every week not at the church house but at some private home, understand this is not to be a public service but a saints' meeting.

After a time or two the public will get used to it and will soon learn not to come to these meetings. After the regular order of opening such as singing, etc., then call for special prayer and pray earnestly for God to work everything out according to His will. (Continued on page 3)



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ing mistakes, but if we make a mistake  
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We invite all the workers to send us  
reports of interest from the battlefield.  
If nothing else a postal card telling  
where you are this week.

Help to make the Evangel a medium  
of information as well as a spiritual  
blessing.

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We would advise all of our  
Sunday schools to place their  
orders at once for literature for  
the second quarter, and be sure  
to include a sufficient quantity  
of Children's Lesson Stories, as  
they are very attractive and  
helpful to the children's classes.

We hope that all of our min-  
isters and workers will put forth  
a special effort to procure sub-  
scriptions and renewals for the  
EVANGEL. Your attention is  
especially called to the club  
rates of three or more for \$1.00  
each. The regular price single  
subscription \$1.50.

## NOTICES

We expect to have all day  
meeting and dinner at the  
North Rome Church of God,  
April 12, Easter Sunday. We  
expect to have a good program  
and some good speakers. This  
is home coming occasion and  
we want every member of the  
church to be present, and all  
who have been members to  
come and bring dinner and en-  
joy the day. All our friends  
are invited too.—S. J. Heath  
and wife, in charge.

To all the members of the  
Church of God at Lawton,  
Okla.: We will have a general  
conference Sunday, April 5.

I want every member to be  
present if possible.

To those that are away, I  
want each one to write me a  
personal letter telling me your  
spiritual condition and where  
you are.

Now this is God's business  
and He said "Be not slothful in  
business."—A. L. Jenkins, over-  
seer.

DETROIT, Mich.—We have  
just closed a two weeks' meet-  
ing here. Bro. M. W. Letsinger  
did the preaching. The weather  
was very unfavorable and we  
did not have very large crowds;  
but those that came were won-  
derfully blessed. While there  
was not much definite results in  
the way of people getting  
through, yet the meeting was  
far from being a failure. The  
saints were wonderfully blest  
and edified with the messages  
on the coming of the Lord and  
the awful tribulation that is to  
follow. Also they were more  
thoroughly convinced than ever  
of the fact that we have found  
the "Church of God."

I believe the influence of this  
meeting will last till the coming  
of the Lord, and will be remem-  
bered in the great eternity.

Although our crowd is small  
here, and it seems to be a dread-  
ed field, yet I am sure there is  
some of the salt of the earth in  
Detroit.—M. P. Cross.

## REQUEST

Mr. T. M. Basham, Whiteside,  
Tenn., requests prayer for his  
father to be healed of a cancer.

Alice Lacro, Fair Play, S. C.,  
requests prayer to be healed.

## A GOOD SERVICE

SUNBURST, N. C.—On Mon-  
day night, Feb. 28, our state  
overseer, Bro. E. C. Gault, came  
to Sunburst. It was a rainy  
night and there were only three  
or four present but he preached  
just the same, said he had just  
as soon preach to three as five

## Message Interpreted

THE DAWNING OF A  
BRIGHTER DAY

Clara Mullikin

"Let us walk in the light, walk  
in the light, walk in the light, in  
the light of God."

The Spirit and the Word  
agree.

They that have not the spirit  
of Christ, are none of His.

If we say we love God, and  
love not our brother, we are  
liars and the Word abideth not  
in us.

Love manifests itself, vaunt-  
eth not itself, is not puffed up,  
thinketh no evil, is not easily  
provoked, doth not behave it-  
self unseemly.

They that are led by the  
Spirit of God, they are the sons  
of God; not those that make a  
profession, but they that are led  
by the Spirit of God. Again we  
repeat, the Spirit and the Word  
agree.

The enemy to-day is after the  
bride. He sees she is develop-  
ing, he is ready to devour, and  
his every effort now is to de-  
ceive the very elect.

Error is on every hand, decep-  
tion is uncovering itself. The  
eagle eye of the saint of God is  
piercing eagerly into the Word  
and abiding therein. "If ye  
abide in me," God has given us  
an abiding place in His Word.

Any vision, revelation, inter-  
pretation or impression of a  
spirit that does not prove itself  
by the Word of God, is a trick  
of the enemy to lead us to lean  
on our own understanding. The  
Sons of God are led by the Spirit  
of God. The Spirit and the  
Word agree. There are many  
spirits in the world to-day, try,  
try them to see if they are of  
God.

Persecutions thick and fast  
await the progress of the bride  
as she steps out of her chamber  
to meet her coming Lord. She  
peeps through the window look-  
ing for her beloved. Where is  
my beloved? Find my beloved!  
My heart is sick of love; my be-  
loved is in His garden feeding  
among the lilies. "I charge you,  
O ye daughters of Jerusalem, by  
the roses, and by the hinds of the  
field, that ye stir not up, nor  
awake my love, till he please."

The voice of my beloved! be-  
hold, he cometh leaping upon  
the mountains, skipping upon  
the hills.

My beloved is like a roe or a  
young hart: behold, he standeth  
behind our wall, he looketh  
forth at the windows, shewing  
himself through the lattice.

My beloved spake, and said  
unto me, Rise up, my love, my  
fair one, and come away.

For, lo, the winter is past,  
the rain is over and gone; The  
flowers appear on the earth; the  
time of the singing of birds is  
come, and the voice of the turtle  
is heard in our land; The fig  
tree putteth forth her green figs,  
and the vines with the tender  
grape give a good smell.

Arise, my love, my fair one,  
and come away.

The truth will set us free.  
Walk in the light of God, and let  
not the imaginations of our own  
minds prevent our progress to-  
ward God.

Many are saying, "Thus saith  
the Lord," when it is only the  
imagination of their own hearts.  
"If any man lack wisdom let  
him ask of God; who giveth un-  
to all men liberally and up-  
braideth not."

"Come ye to the waters, and  
he that hath no money; come  
ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy  
wine and milk without money  
and without price."

"Him that overcometh will I  
make a pillar in the temple of  
my God, and he shall go no  
more out; and I will write upon  
him the name of my God, and the  
name of the city of my God, which  
is new Jerusalem, which  
cometh down out of heaven  
from my God: and I will write  
upon him my new name." Rev.  
3:12.

He that hath an ear let him  
hear what the Spirit saith unto  
the churches.

thousand, and praise God we  
had a good meeting. The mes-  
sage he delivered was certainly  
fine.

He gave us a new pastor and  
we are expecting to make a new  
move soon and do more for God  
the coming year. Pray for this  
place that the work of the Lord  
will continue to go on.—Albert  
Teaster.

HARVEST RIPE AT MORGAN-  
TOWN—WAITING FOR HELP

MORGANTOWN, W. Va.—I  
am glad I can still report vic-  
tory over sin, and am pressing  
on in my weak way doing all I  
can for Jesus.

I have been in Morgantown  
seven months, God has blessed  
us and given us a tabernacle  
and also given me a little home  
attached to it. I surely do  
praise and thank God for it. We  
are now ready for a revival, just  
waiting for some true blue  
Church of God preacher that  
knows the doctrine and is not  
afraid to preach it, to come. We  
have written our state overseer  
and also Bro. Rumbler but  
haven't heard from them. Any  
good preacher that feels led of  
God to come, please write to  
Bro. Smith, 69 Walnut St., Mor-  
gantown, W. Va., and we will  
see that you get railroad fare.  
This is a good place to work,  
the harvest is ripe, so come over  
and help us.

West Virginia surely has some  
good hearted people who will  
stand by you.

Please pray for me and my  
little boys that we will be hum-  
ble and obedient to God.—Car-  
rie Kalb.

## LORD BLESSING IN OHIO

DEUCHER, Oh.—Though it  
is dark and dreary outside, yet  
down deep in my soul the sun-  
light of heaven is shining.

It is truly wonderful to have  
this sunlight that dark clouds  
cannot obscure, but after pass-  
ing through the trials it shines  
brighter than ever.

This is the 15th anniversary  
of the Evangel and I want to say  
it is a treasure and a comfort  
to all who love God and the  
brotherhood.

I always look forward to its  
coming and read every word it  
contains.

It is like being in a large as-  
sembly where the fire is falling.  
The only fault I find with it is  
that it is too small.

Bro. George Helmick, of  
Marietta, held a meeting for us  
at the Church of God at Arch-  
ers Fork, beginning Dec. 28 and  
closing Jan. 8.

There was a wonderful re-  
vival spirit prevailing and the  
Lord blessed abundantly.

Three were reclaimed, two of  
them received the Holy Ghost,  
and the other was sanctified.  
Two others were saved, sancti-  
fied and filled with the Holy  
Ghost, with evidence of speak-  
ing in other tongues as the  
Spirit gave the utterance. All  
were added to the church.

Bro. Helmick is a true-blue  
holiness preacher and any one  
desiring a good, Spirit-filled  
evangelist to conduct a meeting  
for them would do well to write  
to him. He preaches the gospel  
four-square, stands firm on the  
Word of God and I am sure you  
will not be disappointed in get-  
ting him. He is also a good  
musician and singer, and there-  
fore, is of great value in the  
service of the Lord. His address is  
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sister in Christ, Maymie Patter-  
son.

SHALL TRADE THE OLD  
CROSS FOR A CROWN

SURRENCY, Ga.—I want to  
praise God through the little  
Evangel this morning for what  
He is to me.

I truly thank Him because  
one day He knocked at the door  
of my heart and, most of all  
that I was willing to lay down  
the things of the world and ac-  
cept His plan. We can plainly  
see that the Bible is being ful-  
filled every day, so let us rise  
and shine while it is day for the  
night cometh when no man can  
work.

Wherefore seeing we also are  
compassed about with so great  
a cloud of witnesses.

Let us lay aside every weight,  
and the sin which doth so easily  
beset us, and let us run with  
patience the race that is set be-  
fore us.

May God bless and help us as  
children of God to run the race  
through and win the beautiful  
crown which He has for us.

We know we are despised by  
many but that makes us strong-  
er.

I am glad that He says His  
grace is sufficient. We have not  
been to services in some time  
but God blesses in our home.  
I am ready to meet our Saviour  
and am just waiting for the  
pearl gate to swing open when  
I shall trade the old cross for a  
crown.—Vera Hernon.

## FIRE HANDLED

ACKERMAN, Miss.—We left  
home about three weeks ago to  
enter upon our year's work.

We thought to go to the delta  
part of Mississippi this winter,  
but the Lord called us to Nesho-  
ba, Miss. We had a wonderful  
revival, fourteen grown people  
received the Holy Ghost and a  
bunch of children from 15 years  
down.

Several wonderful healings  
during the meeting. Most of  
them were sanctified people but  
had never heard the doctrine of  
the Pentecostal baptism with  
evidence of speaking in other  
tongues, preached, so it was  
new to them. The first night  
we had a nice crowd and con-  
tinued to increase until we had  
to close for a season, on ac-  
count of the weather being so  
cold could not accommodate  
the people in the homes. They  
were filled with a great zeal ac-  
cording to knowledge and be-  
gan at once to get up money for  
a tabernacle. The Lord kept  
calling us back there until we  
got the work established. We  
are expecting to have a great  
revival there in the summer.

Bro. Culpepper appointed us  
to the Columbia district for our  
year's work.

We have had a little meeting  
here at Williams Hill, Miss.,  
where Sister Wood was holding  
the fort. She certainly is on  
fire for the Lord. One night  
while under the power she  
handled fire and sang a song in  
tongues. Her husband received  
the Holy Ghost after several  
years of seeking and three others  
have received the blessing  
since we came; one was an old  
gentleman, fifty-five years old  
who had never professed reli-  
gion. This is a ripe field,  
many are looking this way.  
Last week we visited Freewill  
church, out from Stewart, Miss.

In spite of the discourag-  
ement that seems to have enter-  
ed into the church, we had a  
good little revival. Their clerk  
received the baptism of the Holy  
Ghost. Any one wishing to  
write us, address, J. J. Wedge-  
worth, Williams Hill, Miss.

SHOUTS WHILE READING  
THE BIBLE AND EVANGEL

JACKSON, Tenn.—I thank  
the Lord for sparing my life to  
see the beginning of another  
year, also am thankful for His  
presence that still abides, al-  
though I have had some testing  
times. There is no Church of  
God here, so I go to the differ-  
ent churches to worship and I  
must say, when my cup runs  
over there, I am rebuked for it,  
but God says, if He is for us who  
can be against us. Praise His  
holiness.

Some times at home, while  
reading the Evangel and my  
Bible I get so happy, I just have  
to stop and shout. I don't think  
I ever will forsake Him and I  
know He will not forsake me if  
I keep His commandments.

I trust Him for both soul and  
body and I know He can do the  
things He has promised us. I  
hope some one who sees this  
will come to this ripe field for  
we surely do need the Word  
preached.—Mrs. Pearl Scales.

DESIRE OF SNUFF  
TAKEN AWAY

EVENSVILLE, Tenn.—I want  
to praise the Lord this morning  
through the little Evangel for  
what He is to me. He saved my  
soul from a life of sin, sancti-  
fied and baptized with the Holy  
Ghost and am also a member of  
the Church of God with head-  
quarters at Cleveland, Tenn.

I find the way is straight and  
narrow and meet with many  
temptations along the way, but  
His grace is ever sufficient.

I praise the Lord for taking  
the desire of snuff from me, and  
it is my desire to continue in  
this clean way.

I praise Him also for His  
power to heal. I have been  
healed many times. I now have  
T. B. and desire your prayers  
that I may be healed and be able  
to walk.

I live about twelve miles from  
church and am the only one  
that has the Holy Ghost bap-  
tism. Pray for me to ever stay  
in the center of the Lord's will.  
—Lorinda Dobbs.

Jno. C. Jernigan reports fine  
meetings at Copperhill, Tenn.  
Crowds increasing. We are  
looking for a prosperous year  
for the Church of God at Cop-  
perhill.

THE LORD BLESSING  
IN HARLAN, KY.

I want to praise the dear Lord  
for the revival meeting that has  
just closed here in Harlan and  
for the dear ones that prayed  
through to victory. Bro. Har-  
rowood of Somerset, Ky., start-  
ed the meeting on February 3,  
and was doing some wonderful  
preaching with the mighty pow-  
er of God. Elder John Attey, of  
Mt. Vernon, Ill., joined with  
him on the 11th and took charge  
of the song service which was  
a great help to us also gave out  
some soul-stirring messages by  
the power of God.

17 were saved, 5 sanctified  
and 9 came into the church. The  
meeting closed with great inter-  
est 26 was at the altar the  
night the revival closed. Any  
one wanting meeting held at  
their church will not make any  
mistake in getting Bro. Harro-  
wood and Bro. Attey to hold it  
for them, we are expecting Bro.  
Harrowood to be with us often  
this summer as he is pastor of  
the Church of God at Twila, Ky.,  
which is only 14 miles from  
here, we also hope Bro. Attey  
can be with us again before he  
leaves Kentucky.

We also are glad to say that  
Bro. Fore, our state overseer,  
who has been our pastor for  
seven years was with us two  
nights during the meeting and  
preached one night. We are al-  
ways glad to have him with us  
as he has been a father in the  
gospel to us. We ask an inter-  
est in all the prayers of the  
saints for this field that this  
may be the greatest year for the  
Church of God yet.—B. H. Enix.

100 MEMBERS ON  
FIRE FOR GOD

EAST LYNN, W. Va.—I am  
glad that I can report being saved,  
sanctified and in possession of  
the Holy Ghost with evidence  
of speaking with other tongues  
as the Spirit gives the utter-  
ance.

We have a large church here,  
with about one hundred mem-  
bers on fire for God. We be-  
lieve in signs following, accord-  
ing to Mark 16:17, 18.

We love the Church of God  
and her government and I  
know this church will stand.

I praise the Lord for what He  
has done for the people here at  
Baltimore church. We are truly  
shouting the victory, also am  
proud for the commandment  
Jesus gave His disciples, to "Go  
ye therefore, and teach all na-  
tions, baptizing them in the  
name of the Father, and of the  
Son, and of the Holy Ghost,"  
according to Matt. 28:18, 19.—  
J. M. Ross.

PRAY FOR A  
WORLD-WIDE REVIVAL

TYRONZA, Ark.—I want to  
sound a few words of praise to  
my blessed Saviour for He has  
done so much for me.

I am glad that I can report  
victory in my soul, over sin and  
the devil.

I certainly do praise Him for  
saving my soul from hell, He  
sanctified me by His precious  
blood and baptized me with the  
Holy Ghost and I am also a  
member of the Church of God.

It grieves me so much to see  
so many living a life of sin,  
surely we all should join in  
prayer that God will send a  
world wide revival.

I must tell of how the Lord  
healed our baby. She took con-  
gestion and it lasted two days  
and at the same time was hav-  
ing spasms, but God healed her  
and we give Him all the glory  
for it. Pray for us.—W. D. Lil-  
lard.

## ONCE FOUGHT HOLINESS

CALHOUN, Ga.—I have been  
thinking for some time that I  
would send in my testimony to  
the paper I love so well.

I am praising the dear Lord  
for this wonderful plan of salva-  
tion, and for victory over sin  
and the devil. I once fought the  
way of holiness but I am so glad  
Jesus came to my rescue and  
gave me an humble heart, al-  
though I have many trials and it  
seems sometimes that I have to  
give up, but God has always  
given me grace to overcome.

Thank the Lord. I am glad I  
belong to the great Church of  
God and want to do the little  
things for Jesus that I can, for  
I can't do the great things. Pray  
for my home and for the saints  
at this place that all might get  
on fire for God.—Roscoe Hold-  
er.

## Duties of a Pastor

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speaker, and thus weaken the  
effort."

The above statement, to a  
large extent, also covers the  
ground that I have been trying  
to write about, concerning im-  
proper language. It would take  
an expert to accent every word  
just right and put every verb  
just where it belongs, but we  
should be able to so talk that  
the audience will not be con-  
scious of the fact that he is  
talking any language. Use  
neither "big" words nor very  
poor ragged words, just the  
common language of every day  
life.

Fourth, he should be holy.  
When the pastor steps into the  
church house, all eyes in the  
building are on him. They know  
where he sits, they watch him  
when he sings; they lay hold of  
every movement he makes while  
preaching; they catch every  
word as it falls from his lips, he  
may make a blunder in some ex-  
pression and not know it, but at  
once he is aware of a smile  
stealing over the face of some  
good sister, and a girl giggling  
in the back of the house, then,  
perhaps he wonders what he has  
done.

As the eagle watches for the  
prey, and as the bride watches  
for the coming of the bride-  
groom, so the church watches  
the pastor, therefore, he should  
be holy; his life should com-  
mand the respect of the saint  
and sinner. How pure he should  
be as he comes in and goes out.

As a man of God the church  
should reverence him for the  
position he holds, as a spiritual  
guide among spiritual beings,  
he should be honored for the  
position he holds. On the other  
hand his life and conduct should  
be such as to command this  
respect. His conversation  
should be chaste, pure, season-  
ed with salt of grace.

His business dealings with the  
world should be upright, and  
such as not to be a stumbling  
stone for the cause of Christ.  
His home should be a pattern  
or model, a place where he  
meets with God from which he  
goes out to bless the church  
and the world.

It should be a place of hos-  
pitality, good cheer, where souls  
come, get blessed and go away  
feeling that they had met some-  
thing of the Divine.

Of course there will be some  
secret corner of the home where  
the pastor spends hours in  
prayer, hours in soul travail  
that the world knows nothing  
about. While others are work-  
ing, or may be sleeping, eating,  
or visiting the pastor is praying.

Fifth, he should live in such  
a way as to hold the respect of  
his members. He should mingle  
among them, and be one of  
them, and yet there is a place of  
not becoming too familiar or in  
other words common. When he  
becomes common, then he loses  
that much of his influence.

Jesus is an example, when a  
feast was made and He was in-  
vited He went. At the marriage  
of Cana, He was there and re-  
ceived the publicans and sin-  
ners, and to that extent the  
Pharisees murmured, "He eat-  
eth with sinners." His reply  
was, "I came not to call the  
righteous, but sinners to re-  
pentance. They that are whole  
have no need of the physician,  
but they that are sick."

Jesus was approachable, when  
He saw that it was best, the  
most humble got a hearing from  
Him. He was ready to talk to  
a poor fallen woman and tell  
her that He was the Christ, or  
preach a sermon to thousands  
on the mount. Christ mingled  
with the people, children played  
at His feet; weary mothers with  
their sick children received a  
kind look and a sympathizing  
word; rough, sun-tanned fisher-  
men crowded around Him and  
yet Jesus did not become com-  
mon.

There is a place of humility,  
long suffering, kindness, cheer,  
approachableness, tenderness,  
charity, open-heartedness in its  
place; a mingling with all to win  
some, and yet there is that holy  
reserve, in godly humility which  
commands respect of all. Happy  
the pastor who lives here.

A handshake; a God bless  
you; a kind word of advice; a  
short pastoral visit and prayer  
are in place, but long idle con-  
versation causes the pastors' as  
well as all preachers' holiness  
to become stale.



## An Old Time Revival --A Night of Prayer

### Pastor Spends Night In Prayer—A Great Re- vival Sweeps the Country.

Carl M. Padgett

Prof. Thomas Nicholson, of Carvell College, relates an experience on his first circuit that impresses anew the old lesson of the place of prayer in the work of God.

There had not been a revival on that circuit in years, and things were not spiritually hopeful. During more than four weeks the preacher had preached faithfully, visiting from house to house, in stores and shops and out of way places and had done everything he could.

On the fifth Monday night was seen many of the official members at lodges but only a corporal's guard at the church. From that meeting the pastor went home cast down in despair. He resolved to spend that night in prayer, so on locking the door he took a Bible and hymn book and began to inquire more diligently of the Lord.

Though the meetings had been the subject of hours of earnest prayer, only God knows the anxiety and the faithful, prayerful study of that night. Near the dawn a great peace and a full assurance came that God would surely bless the plan which had been decided upon and a text was chosen which he felt sure was of the Lord. Dropping upon the bed the pastor slept about two hours, arose hastily, breakfasted and went nine miles to the far side of the circuit to visit some sick people, and all day the assurance of a revival increased.

Toward night a pouring of rain set in, the roads were heavy and we reached home wet, superfluous and a little late, only to find no fire in the church, no lights and in fact no sign at all of service.

The janitor had concluded that the rain would prevent the service for that night. But we changed the order, rang the bell and prepared for war. Three young men formed the congregation, but in that full assurance the pastor delivered the message which had been prayed out the preceding night, as earnestly and as fully as if the house had been crowded, then made a personal appeal to each young man in turn. Two yielded and testified before the service closed. The tired pastor went to a sweet rest and on rising next morning a little later than usual found that one of the young men was going from store to store throughout the town telling of his wonderful deliverance and exhorting the people to get salvation.

The next night the church was filled, night after night conversions occurred until in the time of two weeks we heard 144 people testify in forty-five minutes. All the points of that circuit saw a blaze of revival that winter and family after family came into the church until the membership was more than trebled. Out of that meeting, one convert is a successful pastor in the Michigan conference, another is the wife of the choicest of our pastors and a third was in the ministry for a number of years and then joined another denomination where he is faithful to-day.

Probably none of the members ever knew of the pastor's night of prayer, but he verily believes that God does, for the man who thus prays God will reward, and he is certain that more things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of.

Lord prepare our hearts to worship thee,

Humbly at thy feet we bow;

Help us by the eye of faith to see,

The promise of many blessings now.

Make us more humble and complete,

Nor to pride would we dare to yield;

From the foe would we dare to retreat,

For by the Spirit completely sealed.

## TO PASTORS FOR BETTER UNITY IN THE CHURCHES

(Continued from page 1)

ing to His will, then after prayer if the pastor knows his flock and he should at all times, he sees Bro. A. and Bro. B. present and he knows that Bro. A. has something in his heart or on his mind against Bro. B., he, the pastor, arises and addresses them in this manner: "Bro. B. I understand that you and Bro. A. hold something against each other, now brethren these things ought not to be, there is a separate room there on the left, will you two brethren just step in there, call any witness you wish and we will pray for you in here while you try to settle your difficulty."

Also Sister Jones and Sister Smith, you go in this room on my right, and settle your troubles while we pray for you in here. They go, the saints go to praying, the power of God begins to fall in all three of the rooms and such rejoicing you never saw.

The devil gets mad, the saints are made glad; the church is restored to unity; a revival breaks out and men and women get the light on the Church of God and become very anxious to get into it. Why? because they see how they love one another and "By this shall all men know ye are my disciples because ye have love, one for another."

Just one more suggestion and I am through, I advise every pastor to get Bro. J. S. Llewellyn's book entitled, "The Bible Church" and at some saints' meeting give them the last chapter in the book, (Talk Number Five) about the man, no matter who, or where he lived, etc.

Now pastors just try this plan and see if you don't have better unity than ever before, and your church will begin to grow and you will be actually surprised yourself.

May God's richest blessing rest upon all pastors everywhere is my prayer. Amen.

## ON THE BATTLEFIELD WORKING FOR GOD

OAKVALE, W. Va.—I want to sound a note of praise to God for the life and death of His dear Son, and what it has meant to me.

When I think of the past when my poor soul was wandering in darkness and sin, when all joy had fled from my life, it was then that I cried unto the Lord, and He heard my cries, bless His name.

He reached down with a tender hand and love-light beaming from His eyes, which only made my punishment greater when I thought of being banished from His presence forever on account of the sin which I had committed.

I wept sore, according to Jeremiah 31:8 and He heard my cry, and comforted me. O, when I heard His sweet voice saying, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." I fell low at His feet, and said as the Prodigal son, "I have sinned against heaven and in thy sight, I am not worthy to be called thy son, but make me as one of thy hired servants." Then He sweetly forgave all and threw His mantle of righteousness about me and caused my poor heart to rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory.

Surely I shall never forget that hour when He took my sins away, sanctified and filled me with the Holy Ghost and put songs of gladness in my soul, bless His name. He also called me to the ministry of the gospel of peace and love, I answered Him, "Lord I will do anything you want me to do, if you will only be with me."

I am now on the battlefield for Him and the work He doeth through me is sufficient witness of my testimony. Will you kindly pray for me, that I may be true and faithful. Lovingly, Land L. Vaught.

In the chamber with the door closed,

And nobody else to attract,

We talk to the one who rose,

Him, whom we love, have found.

Lord teach us how to pray,

May we touch thy garment hem;

Come, Oh, Lord do not delay,

Oh, glory to the blessed Lamb.

## The Church of God a Theocratic Government

E. D. Thornton

If we could find a trace of democracy in the Bible for the government of the church and we should decide upon that principle and form we would be more in harmony with the world and would not have to strive against such a strong current of opposition. But not finding democratic rule between the lids of the Book that we regard with such sacredness and authority we had just as well prepare for a constant cross current breaking over against us.

The United States of America is a government by the people, for the people, but the Church of God is a government by the Lord for the people, and this will never run smooth and fit the governments of the world. There will always be more or less friction. Under democratic form the majority rules, but under theocratic form God rules.

To settle questions with us we go to the Bible to see what God says about the subject. We do not vote and let the majority rule. If we should do this we would please the world and have smooth sailings most of the time. Suppose we should do this for the sake of a better agreement with the world—but what would be the result in a short time? The Church of God would be short of her power and God would soon cease working with us confirming the Word with signs following.

We must have God's favor no matter what the cost may be. We must have His approval. We must not take the government out of His hands. To do so the Church would cease to be the Church of God. We must still hold to the form given us by James, the Lord's brother, when he said, "It seemed good to the Holy Ghost and us." This was a decision made in the fear of God. We must never leave the Spirit out and conform to mere legalism. Under our system we embrace the spiritual and hold our standing with God in preference to the governments of the world, however, we mean to be law abiding citizens. But if there is any conflict God and His government has the preference even if we have to suffer at the hands of the law which we will not resist. In their assembly under James' administration the councilors counseled, but they were very careful to have the "seemed good to the Holy Ghost" in their final settlement. This we must do. I wonder if we have always been just as careful as they were. We have tried to be, but it is possible for certain influences to cause a variation.

A pilot was at his wheel and his eye discovered that the vessel was out of its course and if it continued in that direction it would soon strike the rocks and go down. He was sure he had followed both the chart and compass, but, nevertheless, the ship was out of its course. He searched for the cause and soon found a very small piece of metal had fallen down close to the magnetic needle and caused the slightest variation, but enough to wreck the vessel if it had not been discovered and the cause removed before the rocks were reached.

Indeed, it is no child's play to pilot the great Church of God over the rugged sea and follow the instructions of the chart and the pointing of the magnetic needle. These little influences are the danger points. A big influence that is plain to everybody is not so dangerous, but one that can scarcely be detected even by those who are in a position of trust, watching for the souls of others, is the worst to encounter. We are striving to avoid any variations, but if there are any we must find them and get back on the line marked out by the chart—the Bible. We do not claim to have reached absolute perfection in the government, we have accepted, but we are close observing students of the Bible and sincere followers of the Lamb of God, and have a deep desire to be wholly guided by the Holy Ghost, and we cannot believe that the Lord will allow us to

## COULD NOT SPEAK FOR WEEKS—HEALED

DAISY, Tenn.—I want to add my testimony to the healing list. About three years ago I lost my speech and couldn't speak for a month and thirteen days, but became better until a few nights ago I lost my speech but did not call for a doctor, but called for the saints to come and pray for me which they did and I was healed. Praise His precious name.

I am praising God for the church at Daisy and am so glad that the Lord thought me worthy of this salvation. I feel like traveling on in this good way. I also praise the Lord for healing my husband. He is a sinner but God was no respecter of persons.

I certainly do enjoy reading the Evangel, it is food to my soul, and as I read it can feel the mighty power of God. I have started in this way to go through, regardless of the cost and desire your prayers that I might do what God would have me do at all times. Pray that my husband may be saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost.

We certainly are well pleased with our pastor, for we believe he is a man of God.—Mrs. Ethel Coffman.

## A DEEP SETTLED PEACE IN HER SOUL

STRUTHERS, Ohio.—I am praising God for what He is to me this morning, and for the deep settled peace down in my soul.

As I look back over the years I spent in sin, I sometimes wonder how I ever got along without Jesus in my life.

I am saved, sanctified and filled with the blessed Holy Ghost and am so thankful that I can testify to being in possession of it, for we know that sanctification makes us pure. It is so sweet to trust in Jesus and do His holy will, and I am determined to do my best for Jesus.

There is only a small band of us here but we have a Sunday school and a place to meet together and worship the Lord. Pray for me that I may stay humble and true.—Mrs. Gertrude Metcalf.

## HANDKERCHIEF ANOINTED —BABY HEALED

PRINCETON, N. C.—I want to praise the Lord for what He is to me just now. I am saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost.

A short time ago, our baby was badly burned and for about three or four months we could not get to sleep because of its crying. A few days ago we sent a handkerchief to Cleveland to be anointed and I don't think the baby has cried a time since the handkerchief was prayed over.

I testify to this for the glory of God, and to keep my vow to Him for I promised that if He would heal it I would testify to it.

Pray for my unsaved husband and that I may stand true.—Minnie Howell.

## REVIVAL—10 SAVED

MONT EAGLE, Tenn.—I am praising God for sending Bro. Barney and wife of Kansas City to this place to preach the true gospel. Bro. Barney surely has done some good preaching since he came to this place. About ten have been saved, one sanctified and several reclaimed and the saints are very much revived. The work was so completely run down here at this place till it will take some time to get it on foot again, but in spite of the devil God is blessing. We have more calls for cottage prayer meetings than can be filled, and large crowds attend.

We ask the prayers of all the saints for this place.—Mrs. Ella McFarland.

follow the wrong course very long, I wonder if we are a little out of the way now and the Lord is working to try to get us back in line. The conditions existing are worthy of consideration. A few times in the past we have found ourselves slightly out of line, but when discovered we were glad to make our way back. This we did and thus we have traveled on from faith to faith and from victory to victory.

## SENDS HANDKERCHIEF TO CLEVELAND TO BE ANOINTED—HEALED

CASON, Texas.—I praise the Lord for His power to heal. I know that God can heal our bodies as well as save our souls, and I promised the Lord if He would heal my family of "flu" I would testify to it.

I sent some handkerchiefs to Cleveland to be prayed over and anointed with oil, and by the time they arrived the work was done, also I sent a handkerchief to Cleveland for my sister who was having chills and the day I sent the letter she was healed. Praise God.

I have sent handkerchiefs many different times and the work is always done by the time they return. "According to your faith, so be it unto you." There were eight in our family that had smallpox and the Lord healed us without any medical aid.

I surely do get hungry for soul food, have not heard a sermon preached since last August at Cherry Hill, by Bro. J. C. Coats.

I'm truly thankful for this wonderful Comforter that abides within my soul and that I can still claim the promises of God, for He tells us that we can have it without money or price, and I feel encouraged with the thought that His grace is sufficient.

I would be glad to hear from any of the saints of God.—Maud Clark.

## REVIVAL IN TENNESSEE

TALBOT, Tenn.—The meeting at Mt. Vale which continued about three weeks has come to a close with marked results in the face of all the opposition.

Many souls were made to believe in the way and four found their way to the Lord, three sanctified and three received the Holy Ghost. Not a little opposition was stirred on account of the old time gospel being preached, without compromise. Brother E. C. Dilbeck did most of the preaching and Brother Lemons did the teaching and some of the preaching. Brother Dilbeck is a fearless preacher, he surely does not sugar coat his sermons but gives the plain truth. We feel very much encouraged with the way the Lord is blessing. Surely the latter rain is falling. One person received the Holy Ghost and no one thought the party was interested. The mouths of some gainsayers that had been going for years, were hushed at this. It will only be known at the judgment the good that was done during this revival.—W. E. Hill.

## SICK BABY HEALED

CLEVELAND, Tenn.—How the Lord blesses us when we obey. My baby was sick, I prayed for it and it got better but it wasn't long till it was worse again.

I was very much troubled about it and something whispered to me, "Send out to the Evangel office for prayer." I thought if it was no better the next morning I would do so, but something seemed to impress me to do it then, so I sat down to write the letter and before I could get the letter off, she was better and has been better ever since and is well and healthy. O, how it pays to obey. I ask all the saints to pray for me that I may do the Lord's will and trust Him for everything.—Addie Holder.

## THE CHURCH OF GOD WILL STAND WHEN ALL FAILS

BOONEVILLE, Miss.—I write this to let the saints of God everywhere know that I am still a child of the heavenly King and am striving each day to draw nearer to Him, for I am determined to win this race, and obtain the prize at the end of the way.

Only yesterday, the enemy came to me through another party and asked the third time if I were not ashamed to be in this holiness way, and for my children to know that I stood for holiness. But praise God, it was no trouble for me to give the answer, which was a very determined NO. I told them I was not ashamed for my children to know it nor was I ashamed to proclaim it on the top of the mountains, (but confessed that I was ashamed of some people's ways, who claim to be holy and are not confessing it). Those who are ashamed of Him, He will be ashamed of them before His holy angels when He comes.

I know this way is right for it is the way our Saviour walks. He was persecuted, talked about, mocked and spit upon and even crucified, and we are trying to walk in His footsteps and that is why I am convinced that holiness is right.

I am a member of the Church of God at Antioch, Miss. There has been much confusion and division there but I am not sorry yet that I joined the church, for I know that the old Church of God is going to stand when all else fails. The Lord has blessed me with visions concerning the church and I am not bothered any more about it.—A preacher's wife.

## A WONDERFUL REVIVAL IN OHIO

LANCASTER, Ohio.—Martha M. Wagner began a meeting Feb. 4, 1925, at Lancaster, Cedar Heights, closed Feb. 17, with great success.

The biggest revival ever known at this place, with no help except saints but every saint stood at his post like brave soldiers marching to war. Praise God. King Jesus is our Captain, and He never lost a battle.

Oh, it was wonderful how the power fell. The altar was full and some were found between the seats down on the floor weeping and crying with their hands up to God. I remarked to the sinners, "this reminds me of the last days," and one sinner said, "worse than that yet, there will be torture."

The devil was stirred on the outside, but by the grace of God we held the fort and souls prayed through at last. There were thirty-six saved, thirty-five sanctified, twenty-nine received the Holy Ghost and fourteen added to the Church of God. I feel that it was the work of the Lord when the state overseer assigned this work to me, for I have had good success. I feel good in my soul and am expecting greater things to come. I thank God for the true band of saints here to work with.—Martha M. Wagner.

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### WE NEED A DOUBLE PORTION OF HIS SPIRIT.

ALTURAS, Fla.—I want to praise the Lord this morning for a real Bible salvation, something that satisfies our hungry hearts, keeps us from sin and gives us joy and peace that the enemy can't disturb.

I am glad to say that a little more than three years ago, I found Jesus sweet to my soul. When I met Bible conditions, He saved, sanctified and filled me with the Holy Ghost and gave me a great determination to go through with Him, regardless of the cost.

He surely keeps me now, and has healed me many times.

There is no Church of God services right close, therefore, I don't get to go as I would like, but I'm glad that the Lord can keep us at home as well as abroad.

I certainly am thankful for the dear old Word of God, which is so much comfort to me, and real soul food when I cannot go to services.

I feel like we all need to be asking for a double portion of His Spirit. Surely we need to take with us the whole armour and be able to stand in the evil day, as we see so many falling away, it grieves our hearts but it makes me want to draw nearer to God and live close to Him that we may be able to hear and understand the faintest whisper when He speaks to our hearts. —Mrs. Mable Thomason.

### REVIVAL ON IN MISSOURI

GRANTVILLE, Mo.—We are here in a battle with the devil, but thank God we have the victory. There are hungry souls here, we are having a good meeting, the power of God is falling and the enemy is howling and doing all he can to keep people from getting saved, but thank God there is some that are going through with the Lord.

Fifteen have been saved, seventeen sanctified, fourteen received the Holy Ghost and I'm sure we will be able to set a church in order here. There are some honest hearts here that will believe the Bible when they hear it preached. Will send in a full report of the meeting later.

Bro. William Artis and I have been here three weeks and don't know just how long we will be here, for we are here to stay till the Lord gets ready for us to leave. Pray for our continued success.—Willmer Artis and John Jones.

### SUFFERED FOURTEEN MONTHS—HEALED

BLACKSHEAR, Ga.—I am praising God this morning for His healing power. I have been very sick of "flu" but the Lord has delivered me and am now able to be up, praise the Lord.

I have been trusting the Lord as my healer for about three years and find Him a present help in time of need.

It has been said that a backslider never has as much joy after they come back to the Lord but I want to say that I have come back to the fold, and His glory is flooding my soul.

When I received my baptism I was at Waycross, Ga., in a little cottage prayer meeting, only three were present. We read some in the Word and knelt to pray when Sister Crews fell as one asleep, and when she arose she came and waved her hands over my head while in the Spirit and immediately I received the Holy Ghost. Oh, I had never been so happy before in life.

I went across town to my sister's home, but when I got there I could not talk to her, but was still talking in the Spirit and was impressed to go to a lady's home who had been in bed for one year and two months, so I went out to this lady's house, and when I went in the Spirit was still talking, and she seemed to know what I had come for, and began to say "yes", so I laid the Bible upon her and she said she felt much better. Her husband said he had tried the best doctors in town and confessed that the Lord had done more for her than any one else. She requested that the saints pray for her that night, which they did and in two days she was able to get up.—Mrs. W. W. Odum.

### OFFICE SOUL-SAVING

Passing a big department store one morning I obeyed an unpremeditated impulse to go in and speak to the proprietor on the subject of personal religion. Finding him, I said: "Mr. T. I've talked beds and carpets and book-cases with you, but I've never talked my business with you. Would you give me a few minutes to do so?" He led me into his private office, and I took my Testament from my pocket and showed him passage after passage, bringing his duty to accept Jesus Christ plainly before him. Finally the tears began to roll down his cheeks, and he said to me: "I'm seventy years of age. I was born in this city, and more than a hundred ministers, and more than five hundred church officers, have known me as you have, to do business with, but in all those years you are the only man who ever spoke to me about my soul." "Why not have office evangelism?"

Meet a man by appointment in his office, and go without apology as you "bear witness of the light."—Selected.

### EVANGEL A WELCOME VISITOR IN THE HOME

BLACKSHEAR, Ga.—I feel that the Lord would be pleased to have me write a few words to the Evangel. It certainly is a welcome visitor in our home, and I read every page each week. It gives me joy and food for my soul.

I, too, am thankful for full and free salvation, for I am on the sunny side of life. Thank the Lord. I can never praise Him enough for what He has done for me, and can truly say that He is a present help in time of need. Bless His good name. He picked me up out of the dark ditches of sin and set my feet on the solid rock, Christ Jesus.

He told me to lean on Him about ten years ago and I would not fall, so I have been doing this and He has led me into the Church of God.

I am trusting Him for both soul and body, and I find that He is the greatest physician I have ever known. I love Him because He first loved me, and it is truly wonderful how Jesus loves us and then to think that so many will turn Him away.

It makes my heart feel sad to think that I have five children and only one has the blessing, so I ask the prayers of all that he and I may stand true, and that the rest will come into the fold before it is too late.—Mrs. Sarah Jordan.

### REVIVAL IN MICHIGAN—14 RECEIVED HOLY GHOST

LAKE ODESSA, Mich.—We are glad to report victory in our souls and a five weeks' meeting which has just come to a close.

The meeting was held in a Baptist church. The people here had never heard holiness preached before, which is the real gospel and certainly seemed to feast on the Word as Bro. Cook gave it out.

There were twenty-four saved, twenty sanctified, and fourteen received the Holy Ghost and came through speaking in tongues, as at Pentecost.

They are now ready to come into the Church of God. Try say they have never had such an experience as this before. There were not many Baptist members left in the church. We are in a battle at Lake Odessa now. Surely the harvest is white and the laborers are few. Saints pray for us.—Mrs. Chas. Cook.

### CALL FOR A TENT MEETING

OAK HILL, W. Va.—I want to praise God for His healing power. I was taken of neuralgia of the heart and was thought to be dying by all around my bedside, but praise God the saints prayed for me and I was healed.

I am saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and trust God for both soul and body. Pray that I may regain strength and go forth doing the will of the Lord.

I certainly do thank Him for picking me up out of the depths of sin and setting my feet on

### IN MEMORY OF

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord."

#### HOLLAND

On Feb. 20, 1925, the death angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Holland and claimed their darling daughter, Ella. She has gone to be with Jesus forever more. Her funeral was conducted by Bro. H. D. Doyle. —Her uncle, T. M. Basham.

#### HOWELL

On Feb. 27, the death angel visited the home of our Bro. Robert Howell and claimed his mother, who was seventy-four years old. Her last words were, "Son, don't worry over me, I'm going to be with Jesus. Good-bye." And quietly passed away. Funeral service was conducted by Bro. Howell's pastor.—J. M. Snyder.

#### MILLER

On Feb. 20, the death angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. I. S. Miller, of Gastonia, N. C., and claimed their little son, Bruce Lee.

By some unknown reason, while playing, was burned which caused the death on Feb. 21. The father and mother believed in trusting in God for divine healing and the saints gathered around and prayed, but God knows best. The child's request was, "Papa and mamma, pray for me."

Funeral service was conducted by the writer and his little body laid to rest in Seminola cemetery to await the coming of Jesus. J. M. Snyder.

#### WAMBLE

On March 2, 1925, the death angel visited our home and claimed for its victim, our father, J. M. Wamble. Age 63 years.

"This sad to give him up but all was done for him that loving hands could do, so the Lord knew best and took him home to be at rest."

We feel sure he is at rest for he left the evidence that he was prepared to meet death.

He leaves to mourn his death, a wife, four sons and four daughters, also a host of relatives and friends.

The funeral was conducted by Bro. Isaac Shirley, and he was laid to rest in the Bethlehem cemetery, Plant City, Fla., to await the master's appearing. Written by his wife and children, and sent in by one who loved him.

#### MORGAN

On Feb. 26, 1925, the death angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Woodward Morgan and claimed their darling baby, Dorothy, age 1 year.

All that loving hands could do was done, but God saw best to take her home to heaven where there'll be no pain nor sickness.

We weep not as those who have no hope but feel that our loss is heaven's gain.

When I think how last I saw her, In shroud and casket white, So pale, so cold and lifeless, My heart seems crushed and broken forever;

For then I knew my darling baby I never more could see, Oh how sad and lonely then, I will always be.

—One who loved her, Rosa Lee Beard, Foxworth, Miss.

#### KILGORE

On Feb. 25, 1925, the death angel visited the home of Mr. A. J. Kilgore and claimed for its victim, his loving wife, Rosa.

She had been afflicted for several years but bore all suffering with patience, until she fell asleep in Jesus.

She was a strong believer in divine healing, but was perfectly submissive to go if it was the Lord's will, and was spoken of by her neighbors as being the best woman they knew.

I was called to her bedside and she said, "Pray hard that I may not have to take any medicine."

Sister Kilgore was saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and a member of the Church of God at McMinville, Tenn.; leaves to mourn her death, a husband, four children, two boys and a host of relatives and friends. I know that if we live true to Jesus we will meet her on the other shore where loved ones part no more. —Mrs. G. W. Martin.

#### CHRESMAN

On Feb. 23, the death angel visited the home of Mr. Burrell Chresman and claimed his wife, Martha, age 58 years. She left for a testimony that she was ready to go home with Jesus, she leaves to mourn her loss a husband, one daughter, one grandmother and a host of relatives and friends. Funeral conducted by Bro. Prince, Graysville, Tenn.

The body was laid to rest in the Graysville cemetery to await the coming of Jesus.

A precious one from us is gone, A voice we loved is stilled; A place is vacant in our home, That never can be filled.

By Estelle Chresman.

#### JOHNSON

Mrs. Vera M. Johnson, wife of Charlie Johnson has gone to live with Jesus. She was born Oct. 29, 1890, age 34 years. Died Sunday morning.

the solid rock, Christ Jesus

I'm so glad that Bro. Rumlir brought the true gospel to us, and am praying God to send him or some one here with a tent to hold a revival again. Please pray for my husband to be saved.—Mrs. Oscar Bunch.

### MANY COMING INTO THE FOLD AT GASTONIA

GASTONIA, N. C.—We are still standing true to the Church of God, proving to the people that Elisha's God is still God in Gastonia.

The dear Lord is working here in a marvelous way in saving, sanctifying, baptizing with the Holy Ghost and healing many.

Never before in the history of this city has so much good been accomplished. God is overruling the power of the wicked one, the battle is not ours but the Lord's and when He works no one can hinder.

We truly praise God for our shepherd, who is under the Lord's hand, and is gathering many into the fold, leading and feeding them in the green pastures and refreshing them at the still waters. Even the lambs are being fed on the finest of wheat and with honey out of the rock.

Many who wandered away from their love are like the dove that went out from the ark to find a resting place, but returned to the ark, which is the Church of God, to be sheltered under its folds. We are struggling as our church was taken from us about a year ago, and is now the dwelling place of bats and owls, however, I am glad that the good work is still going on and that it is our privilege to be overcomers and sit with Him in heavenly places.

"I will sing unto the Lord because he hath dealt bountifully with me."

Let us praise Him for His wondrous works, yes, for the Lord said, "Let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord." Also said, "If these hold their peace the stones and rocks would cry out."

We have a praying band of saints here at Gastonia, working against the snares and wiles of the evil one, who is doing his utmost to defeat our plans and have us walk in another path but we are persuaded like Paul that nothing can separate us from the love of Christ.

We believe in looking after God's servant, our shepherd and exhort all to bring their tithes into the storehouse that God may open the windows of heaven and pour out such a blessing that they will not be able to contain it.

How sad it is to see the crowds at church who have not been born again, and are apparently indifferent about their eternal interests.—Mrs. Emma Hinson.

#### Jan. 25, 1925.

About nine years ago she saw the light on holiness and was saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and was added to the Church of God at Dividing Ridge, where she lived a faithful member until the end. She is survived by her husband and four children.

The funeral was conducted by Bro. J. W. Nelson, and her remains laid to rest, to await the resurrection morning.—Pearl Frazier.

#### SETTLE

The death angel visited the home of M. Settle, Feb. 23, 1925, and claimed his wife, Julia Anna Settle, age 61 years, 7 months, and 17 days. She leaves to mourn her loss her husband, nine children, several grand-children, two brothers, three sisters, and a host of friends. She became a Christian in early life, and about ten years ago she received the baptism of the Holy Ghost, and became a member of the Church of God at Cedar Grove. She lived a devoted Christian life, and was loved by all who knew her. The funeral was conducted by the writer, and her body was laid to rest to await the resurrection morning.—H. N. Scoggins, Milton, W. Va.

#### MABES

Bro. Jessie Mabes, of Parrot, Va., age 16 years departed this life, Mar. 8. Jessie was quite young and did not make any profession of religion until a short time before his death. On Tuesday morning he told his mother that he wanted some one to pray for him, so he called for Bro. J. A. Blue, who prayed for him and anointed with oil, also the saints were with him and prayed several times before the end came. The first time we went Jessie praised God for saving his soul, and said he had lived too long in sin, and that if it was God's will for him to live he would spend the rest of his days trying to win souls for Jesus.

He talked of going home and just before the end came turned to the one by his bedside and said, "Goodbye, kiss me goodbye mother, I'm going to sleep." So he fell asleep in Jesus. His body was laid to rest on the hill-top overlooking Parrot church, there to await the resurrection morn. We rejoice in the thought that we shall meet him again in the sweet bye and bye. Written in loving sympathy by one who was present.

### SOULS WERE BLESSED IN REVIVAL AT ZELLWOOD

ZELLWOOD, Fla.—I want to sound a note of praise to our dear Lord this evening.

The fire is surely burning in my soul and I am rejoicing with joy unspeakable and full of glory.

For the past five years it has been my privilege to live in Tampa and be associated with some of the best people in the world, but for some time God has been talking to me about getting out in His work, so this year, I fully made up my mind to obey the call. Bro. Self, our state overseer offered me two small churches to pastor so I gladly accepted.

We now live at Zellwood. We held a meeting here in January with Bro. J. F. Mann and Bro. Luther Albritton and wife to help us.

The weather was very unfavorable, cold and rainy but in spite of the disadvantages, souls were blessed and three received the Holy Ghost.

The membership of the church here is small but we have some true-blue saints who are on fire for God and I want to say right here, they know how to treat a pastor and make him feel good.

Our other church is at Fern-dale, and we are in a battle there at present. Bro. E. C. Merrit was with us for nine days and did some good preaching. Bro. and Sister Chambers, Sisters Hagewood and Haworth, the orphanage band of workers were with us two nights and the Lord blessed in a wonderful way.

There have been two saved, five sanctified and two received the Holy Ghost so far. We have some real good folks at Fern-dale who are standing foursquare for the Church of God. —Marvin Waldron.

### TARPON SPRINGS IN THE FRONT OF THE BATTLE

TARPON SPRINGS, Fla.—Tarpon Springs is on the front line of the battle and has united her forces together and is making it hot for the enemy.

God's great hand is upon us and the power is falling in most every service. When we first came here we found much division and contention, but thank the Lord, folks are burying the hatchet handle and all have their heads up looking for Jesus to come.

The enemy tried to discourage us and said to me that things was in such condition that everybody had gotten salvation here that ever would get it, but several have already received the Holy Ghost.

Conviction is cutting its way to many hearts, and it is wonderful to see how the Sunday school is moving on with her officers at their post of duty.

The church building is too small to hold the people. Many times it has been filled to its capacity and many on the outside that could not get in. We are expecting to lengthen our borders and press on as never before. We are looking for vic-

### SECOND COMING OF JESUS CHRIST

May the clarion shouts of God's workers pierce the deaf ears of the ungodly until they shall reel and stagger into the outstretched arms of Jesus crying, "Save, or I perish." For compassion falleth only upon the burdened heart. Jesus loves the tearstained soul of sincerity. Glory to His name in the Highest! He saveth even me. Praise the Lord, for He is my possession and joy; shout it in the by-ways, swell it to the mountains! Praise Him in the chambers of my soul. Oh! the glory of the glad presence of Jesus in my soul! Oh, the glory of the hour!

As the countless millions are lifted from this sad old earth at the wondrous shout of "Worthy, Worthy!" from the mighty, smiling lips of dear Lord Jesus, as we arise and pass over the fiery sea prepared for the Stygian hosts, whose anguish cry, in piercing thunder tones is wafted along the yawning, fiery sea, in deafening heart terror by the unredeemed.

As Jesus mournfully, sadly, tearfully points to the great crucified hands nailed upon the cross of time, for, behold, it is about to strike the hour of eternity, and Jesus is soon to come down from his throne in heaven to claim his own, and to turn a deaf ear to the moaning cry of the unredeemed forever. Oh! the terror of the mighty deep. Whether it be physical, or moral pain, it surely will be a heaping measure. When He met us by the wayside, when He suffered on the cross where, oh where, were your heart strings then? That he could not woo thee!

Soon the great gulf of perdition will be chasmmed with fiery banks of life's regrets, buttressed upon yearning groans for the loved ones—never to be seen again. For the great clock of time is about to strike the awful hour of eternity, when sorrow avaleth not, regret avaleth not. As the pondrous, latticed flame shrieking gates swing shut with a mighty, deafening roar of despairing human souls . . . C. W. AMENT.

tory and must have it. I just want to state in conclusion that we have some true-blue saints here that are putting forth their every effort for Jesus and His cause. Pray for us.—E. C. Merrit, pastor.

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